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TAGS: ENRG, IS
SUBJECT: ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION IN THE SINAI

REF: TEL AVIV 2289

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. DAVAR REPORTED ON JUNE 3 THAT ISRAELI AND FOREIGN EXPERTS HAD EXAMINED THE OIL SIGNS DISCOVERED AT THE OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF SUEZ AND CONCLUDED THAT THE SITE DID NOT POSSESS OIL IN COMMERCIALLY EXPLOITABLE QUANTITIES. GOVERNMENT ENERGY ADVISOR DINSTEIN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT A NEW OFFSHORE DRILLING SITE WILL BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE CURRENT DRILLING. DAVAR ADDED THAT A FOREIGN GROUP HAS EXECUTED AND FINANCED THE DRILLING, AND FUTURE OFFSHORE DRILLINGS IN THIS AREA WILL BE EXECUTED UNDER THE SAME ARRANGEMENT.

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2. DAVAR ALSO REPORTED ON JUNE 1 THAT THE LAND DRILLING AT AT-TUR WAS BEING DEEPENDED TO A PLANNED DEPTH OF 1,500 METERS. THIS WAS SAID TO BE THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF THREE LAND DRILLINGS THAT WILL BE EXECUTED IN THE AREA. MAARIV NOTED THAT THIS NEW LAND DRILLING AT AT-TUR WAS BEGUN AFTER THE DIAGONAL DRILLING IN THE AREA FAILED TO STRIKE OIL. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. AN ISRAELI INVOLVED IN NORTHERN SINAI EXPLORATION
TOLD US THAT RECENTLY LAND DRILLING IN THE EL ARISH/
NORTHERN SINAI AREA HAD REVEALED OIL SIGNS AND THAT THE
REGION SEEMED "PROMINING." HE WAS LESS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE
OFF-SHORE RIG WORKING AT THE NEW SITE NORTH OF EL ARISH
WOULD FIND OIL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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